

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DESIGN, PERFORMANCE, RELIABILITY

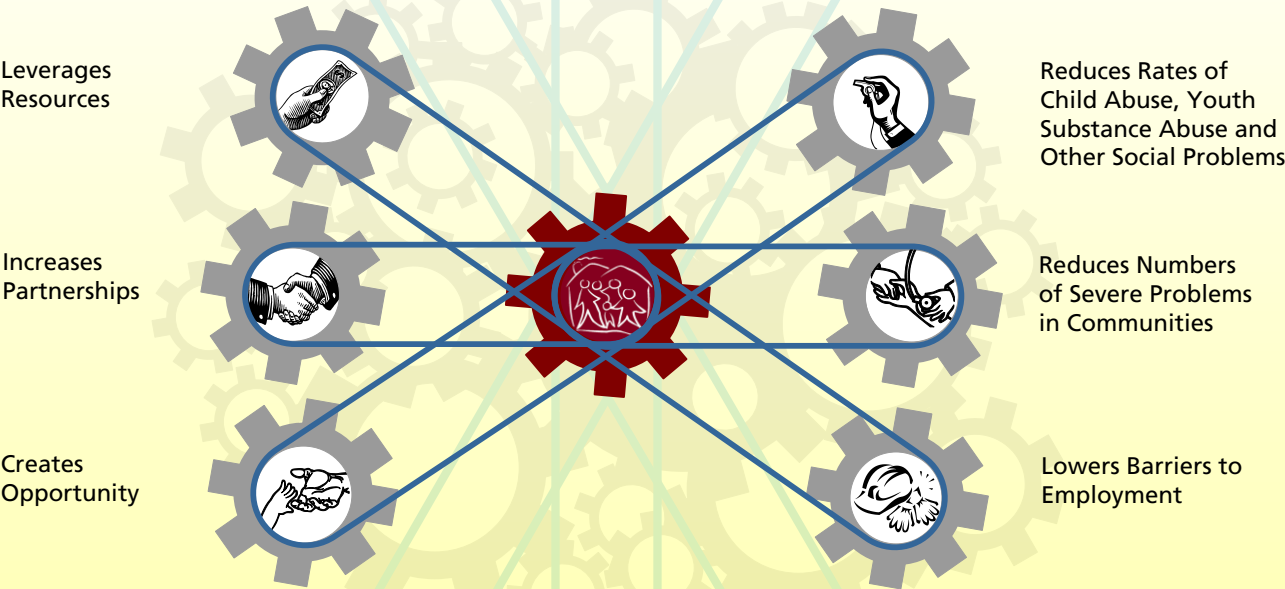
Established in 1994, Family Policy Council Community Networks are built on the tried and true principles of democracy. Networks of trained volunteers and professionals have a proven track record of public engagement, strategic investment, and delivering results on the toughest problems.

Unlike direct service programs, which importantly help individuals in their moment of need, Community Networks are uniquely designed to:

- Reduce the rates of multiple social problems;
- Share responsibility for the conditions that generate child abuse and neglect, dropping out of school and other major social problems; and
- Alleviate crisis.

Local Community Networks address: child abuse and neglect; dropping out of school; youth violence; youth substance abuse; teen pregnancy and male parentage; youth suicide; and domestic violence. Their breadth of authority and proven track record make Community Networks an ideal vehicle for preserving gains in prevention and early intervention when consolidation is necessary.

RETAINING THE PEOPLE’S VOLUNTEER INFRASTRUCTURE



REDUCES EXPENSIVE SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND BRINGS IN \$7 FOR EVERY \$1 SPENT

PERFORMANCE WASHINGTON NEEDS:

MULTIPLE BENEFITS FROM EVERY DOLLAR

Our most expensive social problems tend to stick together in multi-need families, rough neighborhoods, and intergenerational cycles. **Community Networks build the capacity to drive down many rates at the same time** when they:

- Develop a reliable infrastructure of people coming together to assess current conditions, pool resources and commit to action.
- Work together to learn what works and expand local leadership.
- Take shared responsibility for producing—and measuring—results.

Washington needs this level of performance. In fact, we cannot afford to be without it:

- Thirty counties have reduced the rate of one or more social problems, saving millions of dollars.
- Every dollar spent on Community Networks attracted \$7 from other sources.
- The results endure, improving health and safety for generations to come.